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THE MIR HAS
SUFFERED ANOTHER SERIOUS SETBACK WITH THE DETENTION IN
MID-JULY OF "JUAN", A NATIONAL LEVEL MIR LEADER.

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JUAN'S DETENTION LED THE DIRECTORATE OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE (DINA) TO THE DISCOVERY OF AN EFFICIENT MIR UNIT WHICH WAS ACQUIRING INFORMATION FROM MIR PENETRATIONS IN THE GOVERNMENT. THIS UNIT WAS PROCESSING THE INFORMATION AND TRANSMITTING IT TO THE MIR IN EXILE.

NOT KNOW HOW MANY OTHERS WERE ARRESTED, COMMENT: SANTIAGO EMBASSY TELEGRAM 7910 OF 13 AUGUST REPORTED THAT BINIMELIS HAD BEEN ARRESTED BY DINA ON 10 AUGUST FOR ALLEGED TIES TO THE MIR.)

2. THE MIR LEADERSHIP IN CHILE IS FACTIONALIZED BETWEEN THOSE WHO FAVOR REASSESSMENT OF CAPABILITIES, OBJECTIVES AND METHODS TO PROVIDE THE SECURITY WHICH IS SO EVIDENTLY LACKING, AND THOSE WHO WANT TO INITIATE OFFENSIVE ACTIONS TO STRIKE BACK AT THE SECURITY FORCES. IDENTIFIED JUAN AS THE LEADER OF THE ACTION-ORIENTED FACTION AND OPINED THAT HIS ARREST AND THE RESULTANT DISCOVERY OF THE MIR UNIT MAY PROVE THE FUTILITY OF THIS FACTION'S POSITION.

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